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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, UR
SUBJECT: LOS: RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION AND THE CON-
TINENTAL SHELF

REF: A) STATE 188840; B) MOSCOW 17520

1. EMBOFF PROVIDED U.K. AMB. ARCULUS JULY 28 WITH
COURTESY COPY OF U.S. TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REF A.
ARCULUS WAS PLEASED THAT U.S. WAS APPROACHING NEARLY
EVERY COUNTRY, COMMENTING THAT THE U.K. HAD DECIDED TO
CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON CERTAIN STATES, PARTICULARLY
THE WIDE MARGIN STATES, THE ARABS, AND MEXICO.

2. ON AUGUST 4, AFTER DISCUSSION OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH AMENDMENTS (SEPTTEL), ARCULUS RETURNED TO
TOPIC. DURING OXMAN-U.K. MINISTER DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW
OF USSR POSITION ON SHELF, HE SAID, OXMAN HAD MENTIONED
SOVIET CONCERNS IN NORTH ATLANTIC. U.K. HAD EVIDENCE,
PRINCIPALLY KAZMAN-ALDRYCH (BOTH PHONETIC) CONVERSATION,
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DITION, JUDGING FROM COMMENTS OF ONE INDIAN REPRESENTA-
TIVE, SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN TRYING TO SELL THE
INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE IDEA THAT INDIA HAS NO INTEREST
IN A WIDE SHELF. IN LIGHT OF THIS, U.K. HAD EXPANDED ITS
LOBBYING ON THE SHELF ISSUE TO INCLUDE MADAGASCAR. (MAUR
ITIUS HAD ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED.) HAD U.S. HAD ANY

SIMILAR INDICATION?

3. EMBOFF SAID U.S. HAD HAD INDICATION THAT SOVIETS
WORRIED ABOUT INDIAN OCEAN, PARTICULARLY MADAGASCAR,
ALTHOUGH WE FELT THAT THE SHELF IN THE AREA DID NOT IN
ANY CASE EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE ECONOMIC ZONE. ARCULUS
COUNTERED THAT MADAGASCAR HAS A WIDE SHELF.

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